



**MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION
OF WORKFORCE BOARDS**

MAWB Operations Committee

Thursday, May 22, 2025

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

AMC - Boardroom or Virtual

Mission: It is the mission of the Minnesota Association of Workforce Boards to provide Minnesota with a skilled and competitive workforce through engaged and proactive local elected officials, workforce development boards, and staff.

Agenda

- 9:00 – 9:05 AM** **Call to order, approval of minutes and agenda**
- 9:05 – 9:30 AM** **Ama Akakpo, Division Director of Employment & Training Programs –
Department of Employment & Economic Development**
- 9:30 – 10:00 AM** **Jeanna Fortney, Director of CareerForce MN – Department of Employment &
Economic Development**
- 10:00 – 10:30 AM** **Katie McClelland, Director – Governor’s Workforce Development Board**
- 10:30 – 11:30 AM** **Priorities**
- Legislative updates, questions for discussion, and next steps (Cate)
 - Marketing updates, questions for discussion, and next steps (Cate and Committee Members)
 - Leadership development/technical assistance updates, questions for discussion, and next steps (Elena/Catrice & Mark)
- Committee reports**
- Highlights of recent committee work, and how it ties into priorities identified at retreat
 - Action items/items for discussion
- Successes/challenges/questions**
- IFA negotiations - how is it going for everyone so far?
Challenges/sticking points? - Elena/Cate
 - Common Exit Project Working Group Members - Elena
 - Data privacy policy/training - Elena
 - Record retention policy - Elena
 - ROI Calculation - Elena
 - SNAP 50/50 - all
 - State Dislocated Worker Enrollments - Jinny
 - Marketing Toolkit Focus Group Interest (representation from County/City based & non-profit orgs) - Bob
 - Bylaw Committee Update - Bob
 - GWDB Update - Cate
 - DEI Questions - Cate

11:30 – 12:00 PM	MAWB Communications Work Update - Allan Martinez Venegas, Amplify DMC
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Office of New Americans Funding Opportunity - Sonji Davis, Office of New Americans Program Manager – Department of Employment & Economic Development
1:00 - 1:30 PM	State Additional DW Funds Discussion: Lensa Idossa, Adult/DW Federal Programs Manager & Nancy Omondi, Adult/DW Federal Programs Director
1:30 - 2:00 PM	Strengthening MN Families Initiative Overview: Pamela McCauley, MFIP Program Manager & Kristen Shouman, MFIP Policy & Performance Supervisor - Department of Children, Youth, & Families
2:00 PM	Conclude

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 26, at AMC & via Zoom